

Art Unit: 1714

In claim 22, delete lines 9 and 10 beginning at "wherein".

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<sup>3-4</sup>  
In claim 25, line ~~4~~, delete "1,1,3-tris(2'-methyl-4'-hydroxy-5'-t-butylphenyl)butane;".

In claim 27, line 3, delete (PCL) and insert – (ε-PCL).

In claim 28, line 2, delete (PCL) and insert – (ε-PCL) and following  
"polycaprolactone" insert –(PCL) --.

In claim 40, line 7, delete "biodegradable or ".

In claim 40, line 8, following "therein" insert – from 10 to about 40 parts of --.

In claim 40, line 9, following "sodium nitrate, and" insert --from 10 to 40 parts of--.

Claim 41. A concentrate of claim 40, wherein said alkali metal silicate is sodium silicate, and wherein said concentrate non-biodegradable polymer comprises low density polyethylene, polypropylene, copolymer of lower C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> olefin, copolymer of lower C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>8</sub> olefin and ethylene/vinyl alcohol, ethylene/vinyl acetate, non-biodegradable polyester, polycarbonate, polyurethane, polybutene, poly(vinyl chloride), polystyrene, or polyamide.

In claim 42, line 5 delete "and polystyrene," and insert –polystyrene, or --.

In claim 43, line 1, delete "The" and insert – A composition comprising the --.

In claim 44, line 1, delete "The" and insert –A composition comprising the --.

In claim 45, line 1, delete "concentrate" and insert –composition--.

In claim 46, line 1, delete "concentrate" and insert –composition--.